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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

KENTA MATSUI

Application No.: 09/893,644

Filed: June 29, 2001

For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS
AND METHOD, AND IMAGE
FORMING APPARATUS

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Examiner: Y. Qin

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Group Art Unit: 2622

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November 22, 2005

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, and in response to the final Office Action dated August 24, 2005, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows: